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FOR AMBASSADOR POPPER FROM SISCO

1. FOLLOWING UP ON YOUR INFORMAL SOUNDING-OUT OF FOREIGN
MINISTER CARVAJAL, WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO HAVE A FURTHER
DISCUSSION WITH HIM TO DISCUSS THE DIFFICULT SITUATION IN
WHICH THE US AND CHILE FIND THEMSELVES IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION. WE ARE CONCERNED--AS WE ARE SURE THEY WOULD BE--
THAT STRONG SUPPORT WILL DEVELOP FOR A RADICAL SOVIET OR
NON-ALIGNED DRAFT CONDEMNING CHILE, WHICH AT LEAST SOME OF
THE WEOS MIGHT FEEL COMPELLED TO GO ALONG WITH BECAUSE OF
DOMESTIC PRESSURES. IN LOW KEY AND WITHOUT PRESSING THE
FOREIGN MINISTER, YOU SHOULD SOUND HIM OUT ON THE POSSIBLE
ADVANTAGES FROM THE CHILEAN AND US POINT OF VIEW OF TAKING
STEPS TO STIMULATE AND, HOPEFULLY, TO HAVE PASSED A MODERATE
RESOLUTION CALLING FOR FIRM AND OJBCTWVE-STUD -OF ALLEGA-

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TIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN CHILE. YOU SHOULD

EXPLAIN THAT THIS WOULD BE A VERY DIFFICULT EXERCISE AND WE ARE NOT AT ALL CERTAIN THAT WE COULD ACHIEVE THIS MODERATE RESULT; BUT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO TRY AND TO WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER WITH THE CHILEAN OBSERVER. HOWEVER, BEFORE DOING SO, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THEIR VIEWS, AND THEY WOULD HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE PROSPECT OF SUCCESS WOULD DEPEND IN CONSIDERABLE MEASURE ON CHILE'S WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT THIS

APPROACH AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO AGREE TO COOPERATE WITH SUCH A STUDY PROVIDED, OF COURSE, THE US AND CHILE ARE SATISFIED THAT THE TERMS OF REFERENCE WOULD BE OBJECTIVE.

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